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Conservation Commission Minutes 09/20/2007

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 MINUTES
 SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Ellen Reed, Tim Sullivan, Catherine Garnett, Judith Hodges, Nathaniel Stevens, William O'Rourke, and David White of the Commission as was Associate Member Chuck Tirone. Cori Beckwith of the Commission was absent.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Discussion of updating and republishing the Arlington Walking Book. Ms. Beckwith asked the Commission to consider applying for a grant. Ms. Reed to find out cost of publishing 250, 500, and 1,000 copies so as to be able to create budget for grant application.

Fiscal – White/Reed motioned to approve \$2,700 to pay Aquatic Control Technologies, Inc. for (hand) harvesting/removal of weeds (water chestnut) from the Reservoir.

Ms. Reed provided an update on the work at Menotomy Rocks Park. Work is nearing completion.

Town Day was a success, with lots of interest in the Land Stewards Program.

Mr. Stevens reported that he attended Conservation Commission Day at the State House, an event organized by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the act creating conservation commissions.

Mr. White asked for an abutters' list for the conservation land at Brattle Terrace so the Commission can send a letter asking neighbors to not dump yard and other waste on the town land.

Cooke's Hollow – Mr. O'Rourke will revise the RFP and then the Commission will approach the DPW and others to solicit interest in participating in a project to renovate/rehabilitate this area.

Arlington Reservoir Planting Plan – Mr. O'Rourke and Ms. Garnett will determine what plants the Heimlich landscaping company can plant this fall. The amount that can be spent for the total contract is now \$38,900, higher than previously thought.

ENFORCEMENT –

Mr. White showed photographs of work having been done at 78 Bow Street, within 100 feet of Geri's/No Name Brook without a permit. Asphalt parking areas were put in over pervious surface, and appeared to drain right into the brook. The Commission will send a Notice of Noncompliance, ordering attendance at the next meeting and installation of strawbales and erosion control fencing.

Several Commission members noted activity in Poet's Corner potentially near wetlands. Mr. O'Rourke and others will investigate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Nathaniel Stevens
 Commission